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Recipients from this year's Main Street Community Foundation scholarships number 194, with \$360,000 in awards. | MSCF

POSTED BY: DAVID FORTIER JULY 3, 2025

A majority of this year's Main Street Community Foundation scholarships,

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The reception, which is held annually to celebrate the recipients and thank the generous donors, was attended by over 175 people.

Every scholarship fund established at Main Street Community Foundation has a unique and personal story behind its creation, as well as a donor committed to supporting the academic and career dreams of students in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott.

This year, MSCF awarded 194 students with a total of \$360,000 in scholarships, the announcement from MSCF states.

The recipients of these scholarships are students in various stages of their academic careers – elementary and secondary school students, graduating high school seniors, students currently in college and career training, adults returning to school – who will be continuing their education with the assistance of these scholarships in the fields of business, healthcare, criminal justice, journalism, education, engineering, visual arts, skilled trades and so many more. With each scholarship awarded, the legacy of those who established the fund reinforces the recipients' abilities to create their own legacies.

The 2025 Main Street Community Foundation scholarship recipients are as follows:

- **Academic Achievement Award:** Francesca Amara, Joshua Clukey, Julia Lukaszczyk, Matthew Mauriello, Victoria Testa
- **Animal Rescue Foundation Helen & Scott Lowe Scholarship Fund:** Abigail Ceritello, Emma Percoski
- **Christian Arndt Scholarship Fund:** Erik Weisheit
- **E. Bartlett Barnes Award of Journalism Fund:** Colin Cavallari, Ryan Corvo, Zachary Cudjoe, Mark Lussier, Esther Minery, Peyton Troth
- **Stanley P. Bitel Memorial Fund:** Marcus Concepcion
- **Sylvia Bodak Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Kyleigh Sutula
- **Peter and Marjorie Bossi Educational Fund:** Leland Oxendine
- **Bowerman Scholarship Fund:** Jordyn Dombroski
- **Bristol Boys and Girls Club Schulman Fund:** Anthony Nocera, Shantal Pena, Leah Rival, Renee Singleton, Jayden Sokolowski
- **Bristol Lions Club F. Fred Soliani Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Ethan Lamothe
- **Bristol Lions Club/James J. Keating Scholarship Fund:** Zoey Parker
- **Bristol Police Scholarship Fund:** Thomas Pirog
- **Bristol Yale Club Scholarship Fund:** Dominick Dao, Adrianna



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194 students

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FRANCESCA AMARA, VERONICA DIOPA, LOGAN JACKSON, AMELIA LAVIGNE,

Sandra Lobeski, Emily Nelson, Sophia Nocera, Katie Tran

- **Burlington Lions Charities Scholarship Fund:** Gavin Daly, Taytum Fitzgerald, Avery Tiso
- **Ron Burns Community Leadership Scholarship Fund:** Luke Viens
- **Alicia M. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Adrianna Dellaera
- **Evan J. Chyun Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Sophia Nocera
- **Peg Coughlin Nursing Scholarship Fund:** Renee Singleton
- **Rit Croce Academic and Vocational Scholarship Fund:** Jonielys Rabell
- **Richard A. DellaVecchia Scholarship Fund:** Joseph DiPace
- **Lt. Dustin DeMonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy Public Safety Scholarship Fund:** Lissette Castillo, Gavin Damboise
- **Katherine Dobroczyński Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Katherine Cortez Guerra
- **Jeffrey Downes Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Trades:** Nazair Tatten
- **Coach Randy Doucette Scholarship Fund:** Oscar Frejlich, Maja Grabowski
- **Karen Finder Scholarship Fund:** Nozimabonu Marifjonova
- **Carolyn Fisher Scholarship Fund:** Olivia Christopher
- **Olivia Fusco Memorial Art Scholarship Fund:** Collin Martin
- **Joann Galati Scholarship Fund for Education:** Samson Blum
- **GE's Industrial Solutions Scholarship Fund:** Elena Argibay, Sahana Ganesh, Zella Jackson, Dhriti Swamy
- **Andrew and Murielle Giacomini Scholarship Fund:** Mya Porrini
- **Jake Gilbert Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship Fund:** Jacob Hall
- **Azilda Hebert Music Scholarship Fund:** Leland Oxendine
- **Dorothy Micloskey Ives Award:** Dylan Prince
- **Grace and Norma Joy Scholarship Fund:** Jamayrie McRae Arroyo
- **John Kalinoski Scholarship Fund:** Megan Hudson
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- **KAWFY Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Christopher Bray, Maya Kasica, Ekamnoor Singh, Emma Thornton, Paige Tierinni
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- **Lower Initiative for Education Fund:** Jonielys Rabell

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A majority of this year's Main Street Community Foundation scholarships, totaling \$360,000, were awarded at this year's Scholarship Reception at the DoubleTree by Hilton on...

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American Clock & Watch Museum among attractions open statewide for CT Open House Day, June 14, 2025



JUNE 10, 2025

BBGC's 'Reach for the stars' celebrates Bristol youth while looking to club's future

- **Thérèse MacCallum “Great Kid” Scholarship Fund:** Lauren Carrubba, Jayden Manuel
- **Nicholas P. Maglio ACE (A Chance for Education) Fund:** Ashmeet Kaur
- **Maskery Family Scholarship Fund:** Christian Fierro
- **Elizabeth I. and Louis J. Matt Medical Scholarship Fund:** Anna Clevenger, Alina Guo, Leah Roy, Kyleigh Sutula, Brooke Treannie
- **Robert E. and Angeline P. McCormack Scholarship Fund:** Sophie Shugrue
- **McMaster-Moulthrop Scholarship Fund:** Dareen Aboulezz, Francesca Amara, Carissa Boutot, Callie Lodovico, Julia Lukaszczyk, Matthew Mauriello, Grace Mazzone, Victoria Testa, Amber Van Alstyne, Abigail Wasta
- **Ken E. Micloskey Award:** Ashlynnne Spino
- **Dave Mongillo Memorial/Golf Scholarship Fund:** Jayden Manuel
- **Al and Joan Monico Scholarship Fund:** Jordyn Dombroski
- **NESMA Scholarship Fund:** Angelina Fasci, Alex Powell
- **AJR Nocera Memorial Fund:** Ava Constantine, Layan Jahaf
- **Anthony Norton Scholarship Fund:** Olivia Christopher
- **Scott W. Organ Student-Athletic Scholarship Fund:** Jack Hartley
- **C. Henry Ozga Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Dominick Dao
- **Ralph Papazian Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Jayden Sokolowski
- **Estelle Delano Peterson Scholarship Fund:** Morgan Champagne
- **Dorothy Dewey Picard Music Scholarship Fund:** Dale Neyra
- **Plymouth Community Club Scholarship Fund:** Cassandra Fortunato
- **Plymouth Human Services Scholarship Fund for Healthcare Students:** Ashlynnne Spino
- **Alice C. Pulsifer Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Peyton Troth
- **Max and Ruth Rabin Scholarship Fund:** Edward Ansah
- **Radcliff Family Education Fund:** Ashmeet Kaur, Haley Kuehn, Jia Yi Lu, Heddi Wells
- **Radcliff Plainville High School Fund:** Matthew Badorek, Patrick Kapusta, Valiantsin Kasabrukhau, Christian Marfia
- **Jeanne Radcliff Fund for Global Studies:** Timothy Landrette
- **Louis J. Rascoe Scholarship Fund:** Olivia Christopher
- **Julie A. Roche Nursing Scholarship Fund:** Brooke Treannie
- **Douglas Roland Aid for the Trades Scholarship Fund:** Morgan Champagne, Tyler Chasse Arnold, Raveena Gates, Connor Gliszczynski, Alexa Harnish, Jonielys Rabell, Sabrina Schroeder
- **Clement J. Roy Scholarship Fund:** Leah Roy
- **Lawrence (Larry) Scelza Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Leila Taweh
- **Dora Schubert Scholarship Fund:** Tyler Speir
- **Glenn Sweeney Fund for Art Education:** Dushkrite Hossain

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Pokémon GO celebrates 9th anniversary with surprises, speculation and shadowy new arrivals

By Drew Harriott | July 11, 2025 | It's been nine years since Pokémon GO first took the world by storm—and Niantic is celebrating in...

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Scherette, Jeanne Batare, Marayla Varnat

- **Southington Observer/StepSaver Scholarship Fund:** Emma Thornton
- **Swicklas Family Scholarship Fund:** Olivia Christopher
- **Ervin E. Trask Scholarship Fund:** Veronica Dropa
- **Jay and Elizabeth Tyrrell Scholarship Fund:** Angelina Guzman, Pushpita Hossain
- **Dr. Joan T. Wallace Prize for Highest Achievement in English at Southington High School:** Kriti Gupta
- **John & Peggy Walsh Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Dylan Kehler, Irina Lin, Jamayrie McRae Arroyo, Emily Phan, Leah Roy, Mya Santiago, Landon Sisson, Aya Yaseen
- **Kristen Warner Scholarship Fund:** Vayda Martinez
- **John Whitcomb Scholarship Fund:** Samson Blum
- **Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead of Bristol CT – Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund:** Ashmeet Kaur, Grace Mazzone
- **Eva Brodowicz Wickwire Volunteer Scholarship Fund:** Ava Constantine
- **Pat and Bob Wollenberg Scholarship Fund for Special Education:** Jessica Oakes, Kiana Ouellette
- **The Craig Yarde Scholarship Fund:** Emily Nelson
- **Yarde Metals Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Hailey Beebe, Ivan Colon III, Mia Cormier, Mason Cristino, Sadie Cyr, Aidan Dow, Allyson Fetzner, Benjamin Kozikowski, Maggie Kozikowski, Alexia Leonard, Hannah Mora, Eve Null, Jonathan Paige, Danielle Regan, Rachel Ross, Timothy Sample

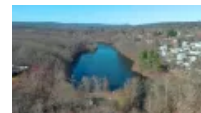
In addition , 55 scholarships were awarded to assist elementary and secondary school students who attend Catholic schools in the local community. These scholarships were awarded from the following funds:

- **4 Burns Scholarship/St. Joseph/St. Paul Fund**
- **BJT Scholarship Fund**
- **Keating-Monaghan Memorial Scholarship Fund**
- **Lena M. & Peter L. Korotie Scholarship Fund**
- **Malerbo Memorial Scholarship Fund**
- **Saint Matthew School Scholarship Fund**

All scholarships are awarded through a competitive, blinded application process and are available to students within the Foundation’s service area at varying levels of their academic careers. An all-volunteer selection committee appointed by the Foundation’s Board of Directors evaluates all applications before recommending recipients.

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